

SLOC rallies for 'greener' Games

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2002 OLYMPICS

With the 2002 Winter Olympics comes a mass of people, which will require a mass of cars, restaurants and hotels. The influx is sure to increase the state's pollution levels, but the Salt Lake Organizing Committee wants to mitigate the Games' environmental effects with the help of the community.

Using its Earth Day 2001 celebration Saturday at the Gallivan Center, SLOC kicked off its "Cleaner and Greener" program.

SLOC is asking local residents, schools and businesses to decrease their energy use during the Games to counterbalance the air emissions related to Olympic venues and events.

SLOC's goal is for a zero-emissions Games, which would be an Olympic first.

Partnering with Leonardo Academy Inc., SLOC has produced an emission-reduction checklist for those interested in participating. The checklist is available at (www.cleanerandgreener.org).

If you always turn off your lights when you leave a room for more than two minutes you get five points. If you use a microwave instead of a stove whenever possible you get five points. Once a person, company or school hits the 200-point mark, SLOC will recognize them as a "Cleaner and Greener Environment Champion."

Before SLOC can reach the goal, Michael Arny has to project the Olympic-related air emissions. Arny, president of Leonardo Academy Inc., said projections are expected in the next month, which will allow the Cleaner and Greener project to set deadlines for

gathering community support.

Michael Glenn, director of the Office of Energy Services for the state, said the program will continue after the Olympics in an attempt to decrease air emissions throughout Utah.

The Earth Day celebration took place despite a series of rain showers throughout the day. Nino Reyes and an inter-tribal dance troupe opened the celebration with Native American music. Other musical performances from such artists as Iris DeMent and the Rebirth Brass Band entertained the crowd from 2 to 10 p.m., while children played on a bungee apparatus and multiple vendors provided food for the spectators. In between the musical events, SLOC also recognized

three organizations that donated to the Olympic environmental initiatives: Anheuser Busch, Utah Power and the U.S. Forest Service.

Not all were pleased about SLOC's Earth Day activities. A small group of protesters demonstrated what they called the "Corporate Games" outside of the Gallivan Center. They criticized SLOC's environmental initiatives for asking local Utahns to make sacrifices so the international community doesn't have to and they said SLOC's construction projects have created irreparable damage to Utah open space. But they also said any attempt to improve the environment is a welcome one.

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Mute witness to a disaster

Contaminated machinery used to fight the fire at Russia's Chernobyl nuclear plant on April 26, 1986, rusts at a junkyard in Rossoha village within a 20-mile exclusion zone set around the plant. The 1986 reactor explosion contaminated adjoining land and spread radioactive dust in the region.

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Want to do your part to help train our young people in world class Olympic sports? Want to do something that puts your name on something special and preserves it ad infinitum? Now is your chance to kill two birds with one stone.

The Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce is establishing a trust fund to promote the training of the area's youth and to provide for the perpetual care of the Soldier Hollow Olympic Spirit Monument.

For a minimum \$500 donation you will be ranked as a Founder member. For at least \$250, you will receive a Charter membership and for \$100 you will be considered a Master. The names of all donors will be engraved and appropriately displayed by rank on the Soldier Hollow Olympic Spirit Monument as a permanent display.

Registration is open until June 30, 2001. Register at the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, 475 N. Main, Heber City or the Midway City Office, 75 North 100 West.

whole could handle "six or seven times" the amount of traffic they experienced this year.

The only other dark spot for the

destination skier. "We're trying to dispel the myth that there will be crowded slopes and price gouging."

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